

MEETING MINUTES  
*DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007*  
**NEWPORT COAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Location: Newport Coast Community Center, Newport Ridge Room  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**1. Welcome and Introductions.** The meeting was convened at 5:37 p.m.

The following persons were in attendance:

- Committee members: Jim McGee (Chairman), Gerry Ross (Vice-Chairman), Dan Wampole, Jack Butefish and Council Member Nancy Gardner.
- Members of the public: Eight members of the public.
- City staff: Newport Beach Police Department Captain Jim Kaminsky, Lt. Jeff Lu, and Officer Chris Burns. Also attending were Dave Kiff (Assistant City Manager), Wes Morgan (Director of Recreation and Senior Services), Matt Lohr (Recreation and Sr. Services Dept), Sean Levin (Recreation and Sr. Services Dept), and three NCCC staff members.

**2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s).** The meeting minutes from the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 NCAC Meetings were approved 5-0.

**3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.**

- Phil Bettencourt discussed the bus shelters on Pacific Coast Highway (operated by Ravo Media) and asked that they be changed to something more like the ones in Old Corona Del Mar. Kiff explained that a revision of the shelter contract was pending and that Phil was welcome to have a role in the review of the Proposals coming in following an RFP.
- Phil also discussed the need for an OCTA bus route up Newport Coast Drive to allow residents, students, and domestic workers easier access to the Newport Coast. Kiff said that he would re-send an earlier letter to Supervisor Pat Bates asking for Ms. Bates, as an OCTA member representing the Newport Coast, to revisit the issue with OCTA.
- Phil also asked about Buck Gully. Kiff explained that Council would soon consider a Resource and Recreation Management Plan (RRMP) for the Gully that would provide for some trail access and habitat improvement over time.

**4. Old Business**

- NBPD Community Update. Captain Jim Kaminsky, Lt. Jeff Lu, and Officer Chris Burns made a presentation with the following points:
  - Jeff is Area Commander for Newport Coast

- NBPB is happy to attend the NCAC meetings once a year or more frequently to address questions and issues.
- They distributed a map - generally, the Newport Coast is "doing well" compared to other Newport Beach neighborhoods.
- "Negligible" amount of crimes against persons.
- Those commercial burglary activities that appeared were generally shoplifting and construction site theft (a suspect was in custody on the latter).
- Best advice is to "lock doors and windows" even in areas behind gates. Don't leave valuables in sight in cars.
- A reminder that Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> is Public Safety Day.

Phil Bettencourt asked about CHP Truck Enforcement activities, stressing that this enforcement was important both up the hill and down the hill. Kaminsky said that Officer Matt Keyworth on NBPB staff is a specialist in working truck enforcement with the CHP.

Dan Wampole asked about speeding, especially at NC Drive and SJH Road. Officer Burns said that "it's hard on the Southbound (NC Drive) side to hide. There are more violations on the northbound side. Thus far, it is difficult to catch a trend of speeding at a particular time of day. Generally, the high speed is about 80 mph, it's rare to see it much higher than that."

Jack Butefish asked about speed at the Newport Ridge Vistas, which is a non-CVC street. Kaminsky talked about how state law works regarding speed traps - the speed limit of a public street must be set at the rate at which roughly 85% of the drivers are going, or else citations can be tossed out of court.

- Newport Coast Community Center. Much of the remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the Grand Opening weekend (set for September 15-16, 2007) for the Newport Coast Community Center. Wes Morgan, Sean Levin, and Matt Lohr of the Newport Beach Recreation and Senior Services Department discussed the dedication schedule and programming for the Newport Coast Community Center.

Morgan reported that, with the Fall programming for the Center, "no one was turned away" and that the plan to give the Newport Coast roughly 3 weeks advance registration time would work again for the Winter 07-08 enrollment of Navigator classes. "66% of the program enrollees are Newport Coast residents," said Morgan.

McGee said that the City needs to make sure that the NCCC does not become a "wedding central" and not a profit center at the expense of the community. McGee also said that the same design committee that helped with the NCCC should continue on to help make sure that the Center stays in top shape,

reviewing maintenance issues, security, etc. McGee called the Center's role so far "a great start - keep it up."

Ali Solemany suggested that a good way to keep the number of events down at the Center was to keep prices high, for weddings for instance.

Ross asked about the plans to remodel the OASIS Senior Center, and how the lack of space during construction may impact the NCCC.

- Reservation Preference System. Kiff and McGee discussed the need to re-circulate between them the last draft of the Reservation Preference System for the NCCC.
- Landscape Issues. Dan Wampole asked about the City's responsibility to fund landscape maintenance around Newport Ridge Drive and other public streets, including tree trimming. As to tree-trimming, the City trims trees on a once every three year cycle, but the associations in the Newport Coast do trims every year. Kiff asked Dan to write a letter summarizing all of his concerns to the City Attorney, Robin Clauson, so that her office could look at the issues Dan raised via the Pre-Annexation Agreement.

Wampole said "the work in general (by the City and its landscape contractor) is fine - the issue is the maintenance schedule and reimbursement."

5. Issues/Action Items for Future Meetings. The Committee suggested that Kiff place the following issues on the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (or later) meeting agenda:
  - An update from the Newport Beach Fire Marshal about fire lanes and Fuel Modification Zones.
  - Runoff issues with Buck Gully.
6. Adjourn to Next Meeting. The Committee adjourned at 6:52 p.m. and set its next regular meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Newport Coast Community Center's *Newport Ridge Room*.

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